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In re Application of  
Okawa et al

Application No.

Filed: April 6, 2001

For: ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND  
METHOD FOR PROCESSING DIGITAL:  
SERIAL DATA AT BUS  
INITIALIZATION PHASE IN  
INTERFACE UNIT

Date: April 9, 2001

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Sir:

This is a petition to accord the above-identified application a filing date of April 6, 2001, which is the date the application was deposited with the United States Postal Service (U.S.P.S.) with proper postage.

Submitted herewith as EXHIBIT A is an Affidavit of Megan Doktor, the clerk who hand-delivered the envelope to the U.S.P.S. before the close of business on April 6, 2001. Also submitted herewith as EXHIBIT B is an Affidavit of Phyllis Kelly, Manager of U.S. Patent and Trademark Administration. These affidavits set forth when the discrepancy was discovered

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Respectfully submitted,

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Title : ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING DIGITAL  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for Letters Patent of the United States:

1	Pages of Abstract	Unexecuted Declaration (executed Declaration to follow)
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